

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3589 - SB 3443

February 14, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes municipal courts to impose and collect fines related to criminal littering in their jurisdiction. The fines collected will be deposited into the municipal general fund and designated for use with municipal operating costs, giving preference to funding litter prevention programs. The municipal judge may also impose non-monetary penalties including litter removal from public areas and working at community recycling centers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The precise amount of fines currently collected by county governments for criminal littering offenses is unknown. There will be a shift of funds from fines collected by county governments to municipalities. Because these funds will be shifted within local government entities, the net impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

Assumptions:

- Currently, county governments collect the fines for criminal littering offenses. The provisions of the bill will allow municipal governments to collect this fine.
- It is assumed there will not be a significant increase or decrease in the number of fees collected for criminal littering offenses.
- Any net fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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